

# Zig

# Zag<sup>tm</sup>

EXPLORATIONS IN A SPACE WE NEVER SAW BEFORE.

**ZZ**  
SUPER-  
CONDENSED

**ZigZag space consists of multidimensional lists, viewable (currently) in two dimensions at a time, as rows and columns on the screen.**

**What you can do with this is rather surprising. You can build**

**spreadsheets and outlines and schedules, with fine-grained connections not previously convenient. You can build menus for Unix or DOS macros and their options, and lots of things we haven't had time to do yet.**

**We propose this as a new rational space for the internals of computerdom, for new kinds of data, for new PDAs and**

**phones. Plus you can use game controllers for its 2 windows. Enjoy.**

**ZIGZAG  
KEYBOARD  
COMMANDS:**

**-- LEFT WINDOW  
(MENU CURSOR) ---**

- quad window Q
- cursor directions S E F C  
or s e f c
- go forward d • go backward D
- reassign x-axis X
- reassign y-axis Y
- reassign z-axis Z
- flip between row and  
column view V • cursor go home G
- go to specific  
cell (cellnumber) G
- clone this cell T

**- EXIT ZIGZAG:  
CTRL-X**

**NEW CELL:  
n or N followed by  
direction key (any of these)---  
S E F C d D J I L (,) k K**

**EXECUTING MENU CELL (begins with #):  
place left cursor on cell RETURN**

**HOP: h followed by direction S E F C d D J I L (,) k K**

**TO CONNECT CELLS: type cell number of one cell, put right  
cursor on other cell and hit direction key of its desired edge:**

**S E F C d D J I L (,) k K**

**TO BREAK CONNECTION (right cursor): b direction S E F C d D J I L (,) k K**

**TO MAKE NEW DIMENSION: go to cell 1 (top of dimension list) and make new cell  
in that column, edit cell and type in name of new dimension. Deleting a cell in this  
column deletes its dimension. DO NOT DELETE d.1, d.2, d.cursor, d.clone. Dimensions  
may be rearranged but the first two after d.1 will become the dimensions reached by  
reset commands r, R.**

**EDITING CELL CONTENTS: ctrl-k opens editor. EXIT EDITOR: ctrl-k X  
[boot floppy only; in full Linux version, editor defaults to Emacs.]**

**keyboard instrux**

**for v. 0.61 Boot Floppy**

**• A Ted Nelson Design •**

**Does not run under Windows!**

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**This disk will automatically reboot a Windows  
machine and run ZigZag 0.61 under Linux. But you  
need not know Linux to study and savor this structure.**

**----- DIRECTIONS -----**

**Place in floppy drive of Intel-type PC and restart computer.**

**-- ZIGZAG KEYBOARD COMMANDS --**

**A few of the commands don't currently work right (strikethroughs) but Will Be Fixed.**

**--- EXIT ZIGZAG: CTRL-X**

**----- RIGHT WINDOW (EVENT CURSOR) -----**

**quad window q • cursor directions J I L (,) or j i l (,)**

**• go forward k • go backward K • reassign x-axis x**

**• reassign y-axis y • reassign z-axis z**

**• flip between row and column view v**

**• cursor go home g**

**• go to specific cell (cellnumber) g**

**• clone this cell t**

**• arrow keys may also be used**

**for directions J I L (,)**

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